

Dear Parent,

As you may be aware the National Education Union has voted for strike action on March 1st 2023. We are very proud of our strong working relationships with all of our staff and completely understand that those staff taking strike action are in dispute with the government rather than individual schools. There are likely to be further bouts of industrial action in the coming months if there isn't a satisfactory resolution found to the issues that have been raised and we will update parents as and when we have new information to share.

In the meantime, on Wednesday March 1st 2023, based on the indicated numbers of staff engaging with the action and following a detailed risk assessment, the school will be **closed to pupils in years 9 and 10, and open to Y11 and Sixth Form** students.

We will provide, wherever possible, remote learning for pupils in Y9 and Y10. Students in Y11 and Sixth Form may experience lessons in school without their normal teacher due to the action, and should bring work and revision that can be completed independently if required. I am unable to give any specific information about this in advance of the day. Lessons without the normal teacher will be supervised by other senior staff.

We recognise and apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause for some parents, but our responsibility is to the safety and wellbeing of pupils which, in light of the reduced number of staff available, we would be unable to appropriately supervise a normal school day. Please ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place for the days of strike action as you will not be able to send your Y9 or Y10 child to school.

We will keep you up-to-date with any further news. In the event that negotiations between the government and the Education unions see the strikes called off or postponed, the school will be able to open as normal. I will also repeat this process in advance of the planned strike on 15th and 16th March and write to you in good time with the arrangements for those days.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal, we will be happy to provide a packed lunch which can be collected on Tuesday before they leave – please contact reception to arrange this. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely



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